

Material welfare of families with children

Abstract

Material welfare of families with children is a topic which is encountered most of us in our life, whether in the position of a child or parent. Many families find themselves in a situation where they are virtually dependent on social security benefits. The objective of the thesis is to introduce the basic systems from which these benefits are provided. It is a social insurance system, state social support and social assistance. Furthermore, the thesis focuses on helping foster carers.

My thesis is divided into several parts, each of them focuses on a particular area of social security of families with children. The first of these systems is social insurance, which is based on the insurance principle, a prerequisite for the entitlement is participation to insurance. Social insurance can be further subdivided into sickness and pension insurance.

The second of the presented systems is state social support, which is aimed at helping families with dependent children. The benefits of this system are divided into two parts - tested and untested, depending on whether the entitlement to benefit is reliant on family income or not.

The third system is social assistance, which is the representative of the so-called last social protection rescue network. It focuses especially on those who lack the benefits provided by the two above-mentioned systems. This system also focuses on benefits provided to people with disabilities.

The last area of my thesis which is addressed to help families with children is addressed to aid for foster families. Foster care is now supposed to replace institutional care, where placing in foster care represents a much smaller intervention in the lives of children.

The conclusion of my thesis summarizes the whole issue of material welfare of families with children and is also devoted, among other things, to *de lege ferenda* proposals which, in my opinion, could contribute to raising the social security area to a higher level.